

DNREC seeking volunteers for Delaware Coastal Cleanup

Volunteer registration to close Sept. 5

DOVER (Aug. 27, 2018) – Volunteers are still needed and welcomed to join the 31st annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup, to be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 15. Sponsored by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the cleanup spans 49 sites in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties, including river and ocean shorelines as well as wetland and watershed areas. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to preregister at <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/coastal-cleanup/> to ensure enough supplies are readied for each Cleanup site. Preregistration will close Wednesday, Sept. 5.

“The Delaware Coastal Cleanup is DNREC’s largest volunteer event of the year, and we are looking for more volunteers at some of our sites,” DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin said. “Our volunteers are what make this annual statewide cleanup possible – and with their help, we are making a difference. Not only are we cleaning up trash from our beaches, waterways, and watershed areas, we are encouraging people to visit our parks and natural areas.”

Cleanup sites that still need additional volunteers include:

- **New Castle County:**

- Fox Point State Park
- Woodland Beach – McKay Tract
- Woodland Beach – Taylors Gut

- **Kent County**

- Big Stone Beach
- Bennetts Pier

- **Sussex County**

- Slaughter Beach
- Oyster Rocks Road
- Beach Plum Island
- Lewes Boat Ramp
- Cape Shores
- Boat Hole/Love Creek
- DeauvilleDewey/Indian Beach
- South Bethany Beach
- Nanticoke Wildlife Area – Phillips Landing
- Delaware Seashore State Park – 3Rs
- Delaware Seashore State Park – Keybox Road
- Holts Landing State Park
- Fenwick Island Town Beach
- Fenwick Island State Park

Delaware's Cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest annual clearing of trash from coastlines, rivers, streams, and lakes by volunteers. Information collected helps identify the source of the debris and focus efforts on eliminating or reducing it. For more information, visit www.oceanconservancy.org.

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